4/18/75

Dear Ian,

Parts of your 4/2, which did come promptly, I'll not address. Your decision must be your own and I've said all I should.

I've mislaid the Davies letter. The confusion here is terrible and the growing fatigue makes it worse. It is to avoid this that I fill each day's orders the day they come. And regardless of what I'd prefer to do I have all the orders to fill, from addressing and wrapping and mailing to responding to silly letters. It adds an emotional burden when I'd so much rather be doing other work!

No matter how long a day I work each day I slap a bit backward. I've not been able to write since September.

However, in obtaining more raw material, which does not come with ease, I continue to be quite successful.

If Davies will please write me again with a check in US$ and enough to cover other than surface mail I'll fill his order within 24 hours. Please apologize to him for me.

It is possible that I might want a Hong Kong printer. The older books are selling very well. We are putting every penny into an escrow account in the hope of accumulating enough to reprint when they are out of print. But what does one do if they mess up a job? How does one know that their reproduction of pages is clear?

I'd not take a chance with a new book. But what recourse have I if they mess a reprint or just plain gyp?

Have you any idea what is done on taxes or do you know one of them who may?

When you say a run of 5,000 you do not say how many pages.

Thanks to you both for the offer to set type. But the work I do requires paid appearance. If I had the money I'd have done another book like WW IV. I have what I need for it. Especially now is the need for speed great. I'll probably wind up giving away years of hard labor.

Sorry to have been so slow. I don't suppose anyone can imagine how much work I have to do, how many letters I have to answer and how wearing all these years have been. I've let orders go for this belated response.

Thanks and best,